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Amendment
Attorney Docket No. S63.2B-11467-US01

Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003, wherein claims 1-2, 71-12, 14-16, 18-25, 29-34, and 36-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. 6,319,276 to Holman et al; claims 3-5 were rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over Holman et al in view of U.S. 5,151,105 to Kwan-gett; and claims 28 and 35 were rejected under §103(a) as being obvious over Holman et al in view of U.S. 6,312,462 to McDermott et al. In the Office Action claims 38-39 were allowed and claims 6 and 13 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include all of the elements of claim 13 and intervening claim 11, as a result claim 1 and those claims dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance. In light of the amendments to the instant claims the various rejections are rendered moot.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 38 and 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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